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FOR THE AMBASSADOR

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SUBJECT: GOALS AND OBJECTIVES FOR AMBASSADOR

REF: STATE 202267

1. FOLLOWING ARE DRAFT OBJECTIVES AND GOALS MENTIONED REF-
TEL. WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR COMMENTS AND SUGGESTED CHANGES
BY SEPTEMBER 6.

2. BEGIN GOALS AND OBJECTIVES:

I. PRESERVE AMICABLE RELATIONS IN STABLE POLITICAL
ATMOSPHERE.

-- PROVIDE OMANGOV LEADERSHIP WITH UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION
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ON PENINSULA, GULF, INDIAN OCEAN, AND ARAB-ISRAELI
POLITICAL AND SECURITY AFFAIRS.

-- CULTIVATE POTENTIAL AS WELL AS ACTUAL OMANI LEADERSHIP,
BOTH CIVILIAN AND MILITARY.

-- ENCOURAGE CLOSE OMANI COOPERATION WITH OTHER REGIONAL

STATES, PARTICULARLY WITH IRAN AND SAUDI ARABIA.

II. ENCOURAGEMENT OF BALANCED SOCIO-ECONOMIC PROGRESS,
PARTICULARLY IN LIGHT OF DECLINING OIL PRODUCTION.

-- HELP DEVELOP MORE COMPETENT OMANI LEADERSHIP THROUGH
USIS AND CU PROGRAMS AND MINEDUCATION'S FOREIGN STUDENT
PROGRAM IN U.S.

-- CONTINUE SUPPORT FOR CURRENT PEACE CORPS PROGRAM AND
CONSIDER URGING MODEST INCREASE IN PRESENT PERSONNEL LEVEL
AND BROADER RANGE OF SKILLS.

-- SUPPORT EXISTING FAA REIMBURSABLE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE
PROGRAM AND SIMILAR EFFORTS PLANNED IN COOPERATION WITH
AID.

-- BACK APPROPRIATE OMANI PROGRAM ACTIVITY AIMED AT MAIN
GOAL OF ESTABLISHING REVENUE-EARNING, NON-OIL ECONOMIC
BASE.

-- URGE GREATER OMANI ATTENTION TO HUMAN RIGHTS.

III. EXPANSION OF TRADE AND OTHER PRIVATE SECTOR TIES.

-- CONTINUE AGGRESSIVE COMMERCIAL PROMOTION AND ACTIVE
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CONSULTATION WITH U.S. FIRMS ALREADY ESTABLISHED IN OMAN.

-- PROCEED WITH SCHEDULED USDOC TRADE PROMOTION EVENTS.

-- PERSIST WITH LOCAL EXCHANGES ON ARAB BOYCOTT, AIMING
TO RELAX OMANI PRACTICES.

IV. FOSTERING OF SENSIBLE, AFFORDABLE OMANI DEFENSE
POSTURE THAT CONTINUES TO LOOK MAINLY TO BRITAIN RATHER
THAN TO U.S. FOR ADVICE AND HARDWARE.

-- REVIEW SYMPATHETICALLY FMS REQUESTS, BUT APPROVE ONLY
THOSE THAT MEET REAL MILITARY NEEDS.

-- SEEK TO SEND OMANI MILITARY LEADERS TO U.S. BY FY-79.

-- NEGOTIATE CONTINUED ACCESS BY USN RECONNAISSANCE AIR-
CRAFT TO MASIRAH ISLAND IF THE U.S. NAVY DETERMINES SUCH
FLIGHTS ARE WORTH A REASONABLE RENTAL FEE. SHOULD OTHER
U.S. USES OF ISLAND BE PROPOSED, WEIGH BENEFITS MOST
CAREFULLY AGAINST POSSIBLE COSTS TO OUR OTHER COUNTRY
OBJECTIVES.

V. OBTAINING OMANI SUPPORT ON MULTILATERAL ISSUES.

-- SOLICIT BACKING ON KEY INTERNATIONAL ISSUES AS NEED
ARISES, ENCOURAGING NATURAL OMANI TENDENCY TO LOOK TO
SAUDI ARABIA FOR GUIDANCE.

-- MAINTAIN OUR LOS DIALOGUE WITH FOREIGN MINISTRY,
ESPECIALLY ON ISSUE OF INTERNATIONAL PASSAGE THROUGH
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